

Downtown Revitalization Committee
Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 21, 2010

5:30 p.m.

Newington Town Hall

- I. **Roll Call:** In the absence of Mr. McBride, Mr. Lenares convened the Committee at 5:30p.m. Present were: Mr. Lenares, Mr. Banach, Mr. Marocchini, Mr. Shields and Mrs. Cohen.

Others Present: Town Planner, Ed Meehan and Town Engineer, Anthony Ferraro.

II. **Minutes**

June 7, 2010 Meeting: Mrs. Cohen moved that the minutes of the June 7, 2010 meeting be approved as presented, seconded by Mr. Marocchini and approved.

May 17, 2010: Mrs. Cohen moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Seconded by Mr. Banach and approved.

III. **Project Review – Municipal Parking Lot**

Phase I West Side – Mr. Meehan reported that only minor items remain to be completed: fence installation, stop sign in front of Hidden Vine, repair of dumpster gate, dumpster landscape plantings (September), lawn area behind 17-23 East Cedar St., lawn area adjacent to Main Street drive entrance. Quality Associates landscape contractor is watering trees and center green. This water is helping but all landscape plantings and lawn will be evaluated when weather cools in September.

Phase II East Side – Change Order No. 5 will be issued to Quality Associates in the amount of \$410,000. BL Companies construction administration cost will be increased by \$5,100 for their additional East side work.

Town Engineer, Tony Ferraro reported that drainage improvements can be constructed behind 100 to 130 Market Square properties to improve this area of the parking lot and the walkways that connect out to Market Square. This area of the parking lot has no drainage structures at present.

Ed Meehan presented mapping of the sidewalk easements granted to the Town in the mid 1980's when the easterly side of the parking lot was originally constructed. 122 Market Square, owned by Mr. Amoruso, will require Town sidewalk easement rights.

The consensus of the Commission was to request Mr. Amoruso to grant the Town a sidewalk easement in exchange for Town maintenance and construction of a new sidewalk abutting his building, approximately 70' by 4'. This easement will be consistent with the existing sidewalk easements on adjacent properties.

Mr. Ferraro reported that the budget for east side construction is very tight. The value engineering deductions have helped but additional design changes are being evaluated to reduce costs and stay within the East side project budget.

IV. Market Square Streetscape

The Committee shared their impressions of the consultant interviews conducted June 7, 2010.

Mrs. Cohen moved that the Committee recommend to the Town Council the selection of Milone & MacBroom, Inc. of Cheshire as the consultant to provide engineering design services, as well as partial construction services associated with the Market Square Streetscape project. These services are to be provided in accordance with the negotiated fee of \$43,000, and further request that the Town Council act at its June 22, 2010 meeting to authorize the Town Manager to executed this contract. Seconded by Mr. Shields and approved.

V. Public Participation

None

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Marocchini moved that the meeting adjourn, seconded by Mr. Shields. The meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted,

Edmund J. Meehan
Town Planner

Town Clerk
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